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JORDAN ASKS EGYPT TO RESTRAIN MUFTI

Jerusalem (Israel), in Arabic to Israel and the Near East, Aug. 3, 1951,
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(Excerpts)

"The Jordan Government yesterday protested to the Egyptian Government against the activity of Haj Amin al-Husayni, the former Mufti of Jerusalem. The Jordan diplomatic representative in Cairo submitted a note to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry in this connection, in which he accused the Mufti of stirring up ill-will among the Arab refugees, spreading false facts, and publishing false information about the Jordan Government's carrying out acts of revenge following the assassination of King Abdullah.

"Transjordan requested the Egyptian Government to take measures to maintain the cordial relations between the two countries."

Mufti 'Astonished' by Note

Paris. AFP, Radioteletype in French to the Americas, Aug. 3, 1951, 1057 GMT--H

(Text)

"Cairo--The Grand Mufti of Palestine, Haj Amin al-Husayni, said that he had not taken note of the Jordanian note asking the Egyptian Government to restrain his political activities in the interest of good relations between the two countries.

"I am astonished," he said, "that an Arab Government asks for the end of the activities of an Arab citizen, especially when he is serving his country and trying to save it from imperialism and Zionism. We have long been accustomed to seeing the British authorities and the Zionist leaders make such demands, but this is the first time such a gesture has been made by an Arab Government."

"Referring to the Jordan question, the Grand Mufti said: 'The natural and reasonable solution of the problem which is presented in Jordan now is to recognize Prince Talal's right to the throne and to act so that Jordan, applying true Constitutional methods, may be given a Government accepted by the Jordanian people.'"

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